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Lightner Presents Comprehensive Water Policy to Natural Resources and Culture Committee

San Diego---Councilmember Sherri Lightner presented a “Comprehensive Policy for a Sustainable Water Supply in San Diego” to the Natural Resources and Culture Committee of the City Council today at City Hall. This was the first presentation of the draft policy to the Council Committee for their input.

“Developing this policy is one of my top priorities for this year because the City Council is relying on policies that are over a decade old to make critical decisions about our water supplies, water rates and infrastructure that are affecting all businesses, residents and other ratepayers in the City,” Lightner said.

Lightner then highlighted resident and business concerns about water rates and reliability.

“Business industry groups tell me that San Diego is a great place to do business, but we must ensure that there is enough water to sustain our economy in the future. Residents tell me that they continue to conserve water, and yet their rates continue to rise. Their lawns are dead, and they haven’t saved any money on their water bills,” Lightner noted.

She outlined the patchwork of existing, outdated Council policies that currently deal with water before describing her draft policy and the importance of creating an implementation plan after City Council approval of the new policy. She called on her colleagues to join in developing a plan with other stakeholders in San Diego to implement the new policy.

“With this new policy, the City Council will finally have one consistent, updated guiding document to assist the Council in setting future goals and important making decisions about our water that affect all our citizens,” Lightner added.

“After the policy gains City Council approval, with your help, I plan to engage City staff and stakeholders again to develop an implementation plan that will contain priorities, goals, benchmarks and timelines to help assure a sustainable water future for San Diego,” Lightner concluded.

For more information on Lightner's comprehensive water policy, please visit www.sandiego.gov/cd1.

Sherri Lightner is the Councilmember for Council District One of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Black Mountain Ranch, Carmel Valley, Del Mar Mesa, La Jolla, Pacific Highlands Ranch, Rancho Peñasquitos, Torrey Hills, Torrey Highlands, Torrey Pines, and University City. She took office December 8, 2008.

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